



Project Development Days/Workshop

Two full day workshops for Clusters 1 & 3 took place on 28th Nov and 5th Dec with over 30 people in attendance.

The Cluster 2 workshop has now been rescheduled for the **30th January '09** to be held again at BTMC.

Feedback from the two workshops delivered was very positive; participants went away feeling much better informed, focussed and engaged with the project. We want to build on this enthusiasm through future Cluster meetings and will be further contacting project schools to link in with your school diaries for potential suitable dates.

welcome

Dear Head teacher / project lead

Welcome to the 4th project newsletter. This newsletter will focus on the progress made in the last month both for engaging and informing the schools and establishing and putting into place the first operational elements.

Parenting Intervention

Update as provided by Cath Hitchen.

I thought it would be useful to update you on where we are up to with the parenting support. The first tender did not get any takers but this has been useful as it has allowed us to rewrite the tender to show that there is an amount of money attached to each cluster and the cluster will agree the type of interventions they require with the providers - which puts schools more firmly in the driving seat.

There has been a date set for interviewing any potential bidders and we thought schools may wish to nominate staff to take part in the interviews. The date is 20th January '09 and as we do not know how many bidders will get through to interview we are setting the day aside though it is likely only to need half a day.

If your school would like to be involved please contact Karen Bell and I have copied her in for convenience.

Practitioner Interest Group

As stated at the recent workshops the inaugural meeting of the practitioners group took place on 17th November 2009 and a good cross section of partner agency representatives participated, however we hope by the next meeting (Date to be decided) we can involve higher numbers of the participating school representatives.

Project Core Team -

Mental Health Workers

Thirteen people have now been interviewed for the 3 posts and we have been fortunate to appoint (provision to passing recruitment criteria) three excellent high quality applicants. The aim is to have all three in post by early February for which they will commence a 1 month induction package. This will partly involve attending schools, meeting with Project leads and other stakeholders with a focus on the clusters they will be directly linked to.

Key Stakeholder Event

February 2, 2009: 'PASS & Parenting'

A half day event 2-4.30pm (pre lunch provided) introduction to the PASS system by w3insight and a detailed update on the additional parenting element and its delivery.

Venue Blackburn Technology Management Centre.

Please inform Rachel Hansekowitsch of your attendance ASAP.



National Evaluation

Thank you! Eleven of the participating schools have now completed the pupil questionnaire and in view of pressures on resources and priority demands this should be acknowledge as a credit to the participating schools.

General queries email: enquiry@tmhse.org

Technical queries email: support@tmhse.org

Local Evaluation

Stage 1 of local evaluation of the MAMS Project has been approved by the Steering Group and this will involve the application and utilisation of the Pupils Attitudes to Schools and Self (**PASS**) system. It delivers a pupil profiling system through an IT assessment solution within your school setting. In doing so it measures each pupil on 9 Factors and registers outcomes through a traffic light system. Identifying increased risk and potential trends both at an individual, cohort, and school level. It is intended to put into place a launch day with some training for participating schools and this will likely take place in early New Year.

Further background information can be accessed through the organisation website as at: w3insights@pass-survey.com.

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Urgent Message

As advertised in Newsletter 2: Kathrine Turner (Educational psychologist) will be offering training on nurturing principles and the role of nurture groups on the dates below. This is an opportunity not to be missed

January 13th 2009 (am including lunch)

January 16th 2009 (am including lunch)

January 19th 2009 (am including lunch)

Please contact Kathrine Turner for more information or Rachel Hansekowitsch to book a place.

(Each session will offer 12-15 free places and two members of each cluster school are ensured a place, if required)

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Best wishes and seasonal goodwill!

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